THE ACORN

1950

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THE 1950 ACORN

Published by The Senior Class

of

WOODLEAF HIGH SCHOOL

Woodleaf, N. C.

Foreword

It is with great pleasure and the realization that we have worked with something bigger than ourselves that we present to you this—1950 issue of THE ACORN.

We have just put into this book the things which we thought that you would like to remember and treasure through the years to come. Here you find your classmates, clubs, basketball and baseball teams, and your teachers.

We hope this book will remind you of the happy years spent at Woodleaf High School and of the years that you have striven for better education.

JOYCE GRANT, Editor

DEDICATION

We, the class of '50, DEDICATE this issue of THE ACORN to our school. Not to the building alone, but to all that the school stands for, . . . Our friends, teachers, ideas, our problems, and our joys. As we go through life we will always be proud of and grateful for the impression that our school has left upon us.

OUR FACULTY

MR. C. W. HARRILL, Principal

School Committeemen

C. L. DEAL, Chairman

G. W. RATLEDGE

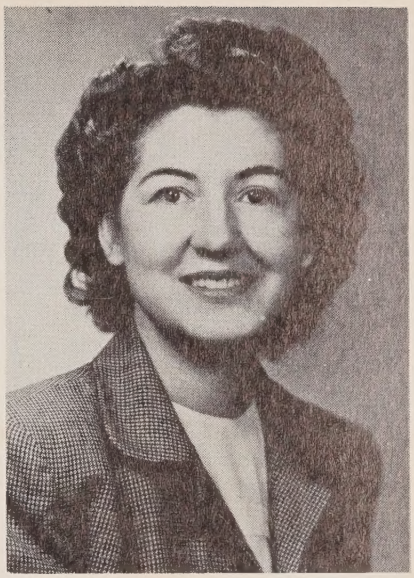
A. W. WATSON

W. D. MYERS

ED CLICK

Mrs. Mary Jo Chambers
English, History

Miss Jeanette Current
Science, Economics



Mrs. Geneva B. Harrill
Home Economics

Miss Dorothy Swicegood
Typing, Bookkeeping
General Business

Mr. Herman Langford
Agriculture

Miss Catherine Brazell
Bible

Mr. Paul Donnelly
Eighth Grade

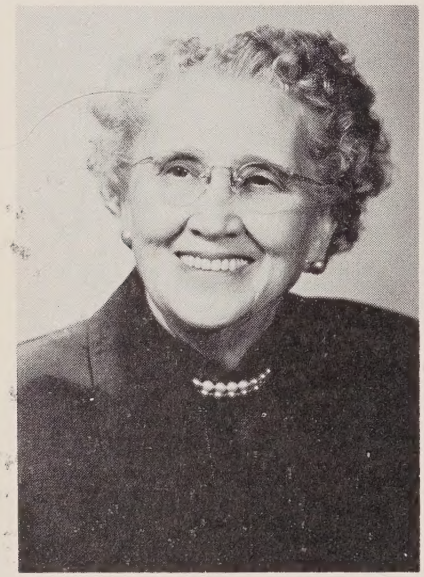
Mrs. Elizabeth Gore
Seventh Grade

Miss Cody Parker
Sixth and Seventh Grade

Miss Vennie Jo Templeton
Sixth Grade

Mrs. Jane Gill
Fifth Grade

Miss Kathryn Barnes
Fourth Grade



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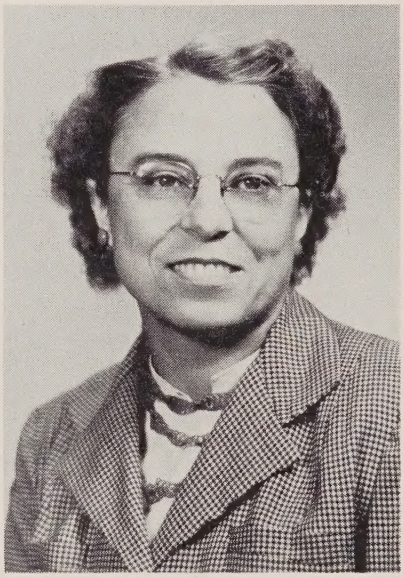
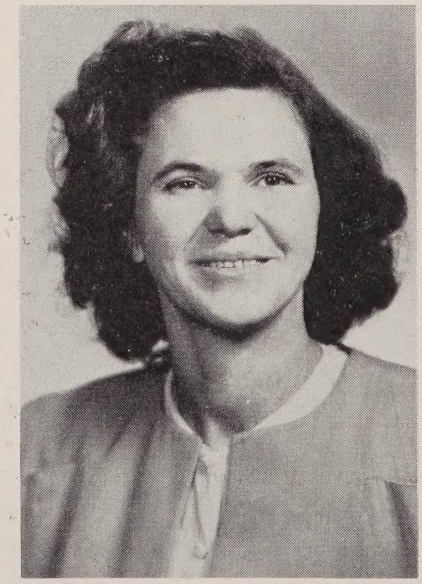
Third and Fourth Grades



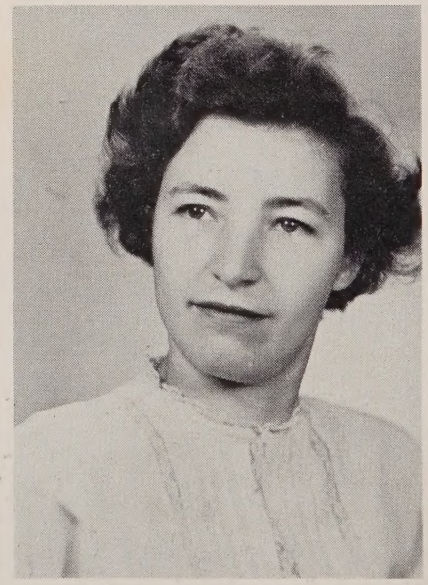
Mrs. Leona Banks
Third Grade

Mrs. Ruth Graham
Second Grade

Mrs. Cora Dwire
Second Grade



Mrs. G. F. Greer
First Grade



Miss Cleo Osborne
First Grade

Blue + White

Colors

Lydia Anne Bailey
Maroline Benson
Richard Current
Mildred Gentle
Aaron Godbey
Joyce Grant
Max Grant
Katrina Lovengood
Reba Moore
Rena Moore
Jane Morgan
Betty Ann Overman
Willie Perrell
Betty Pinkston
Johnsie Pinkston
Joe Robbins
Billy Steele
Mary Ann Wetmore
Helen Wetmore
Norma Ruth Wetmore

Class of 1950

Advisor - Mary Joe Chambers

Quitters Never Win

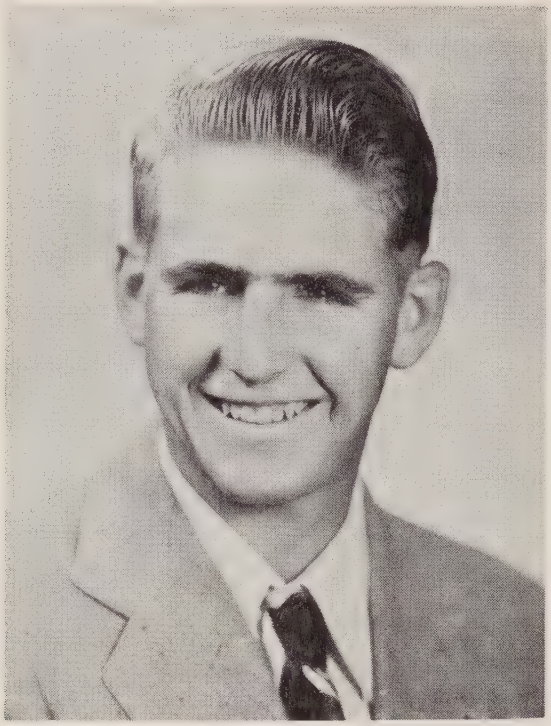
Winners Never Quit

Motto

Red Rose

Flower

SENIORS

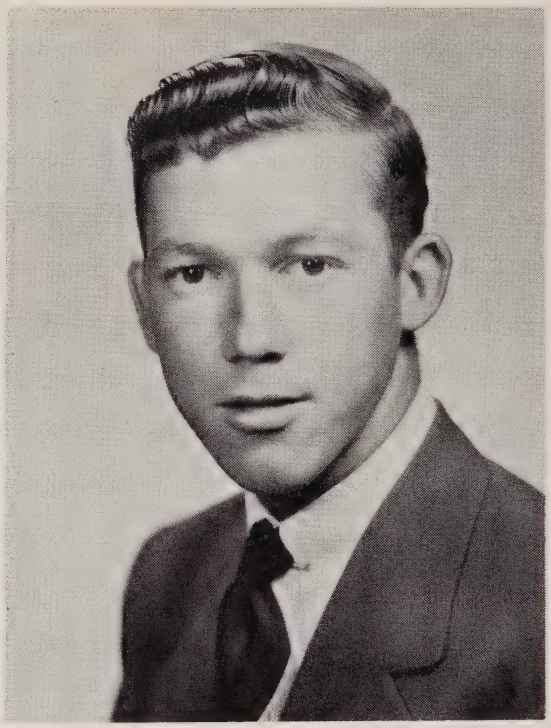


PRESIDENT

WILLIE PERRELL

"Small in stature, sleek with clothes, with trumpets and politics he'll have no woes."

H. R. President 4; H. R. Treasurer 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4, Treasurer, President 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, 4; Acorn Circulation Manager 4; Cheerleader 4; Boy Scout 1, 2.



VICE-PRESIDENT

BILLY STEELE

"Red hair—always needed—"

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, 3; H. R. Vice-President 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4.

SECRETARY

JOYCE WILLIAMS GRANT

"I have seen yesterday, I love today, and I'm waiting for tomorrow."

H. R. President 2; H. R. Secretary 4; H. R. Reporter 1, 2; F.H.A. 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Leaf Assistant Editor 3; Leaf Editor 4; Acorn Editor 4.

TREASURER

JOHNSIE PINKSTON

"Tender blushes 'neath her blonde hair and blue eyes."

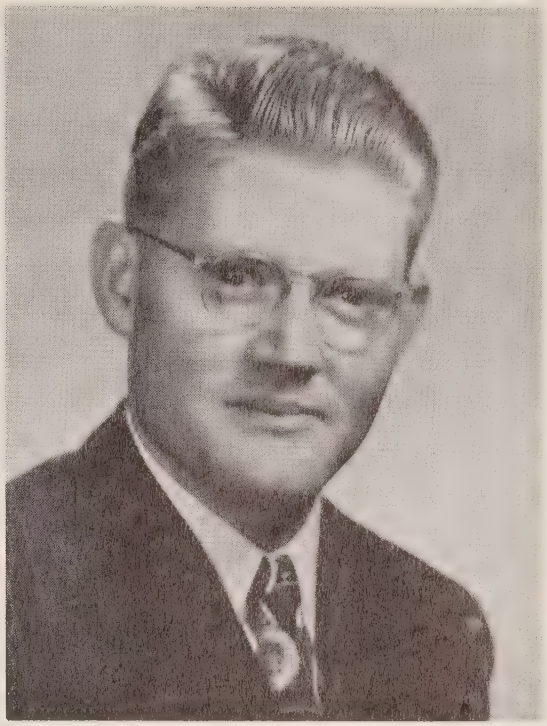
H. R. Treasurer 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 3; Journalism Club 3, 4.

SENIORS

LYDIA ANNE BAILEY

"If the end be well, all is well."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Beta Club 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 2; Journalism Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Girl Scout 1.



RICHARD CURRENT

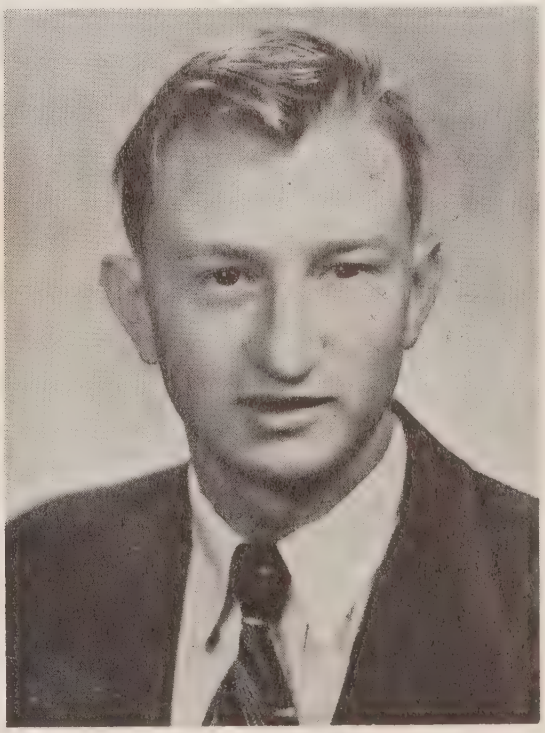
"Life has a value only when it has something valuable as its object."

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Reporter 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3; Basketball Scorekeeper 4.

MILDRED GENTLE

"The present is here; but the future is yet to come."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Journalism Club 3, 4; Leaf Artist 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; W.C.T.U. Speech Contest 1.



AARON GODBEY

"No limits but the sky."

Boy Scout 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Bus Driver 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 2, 3; State Safety Forum Contest 4.

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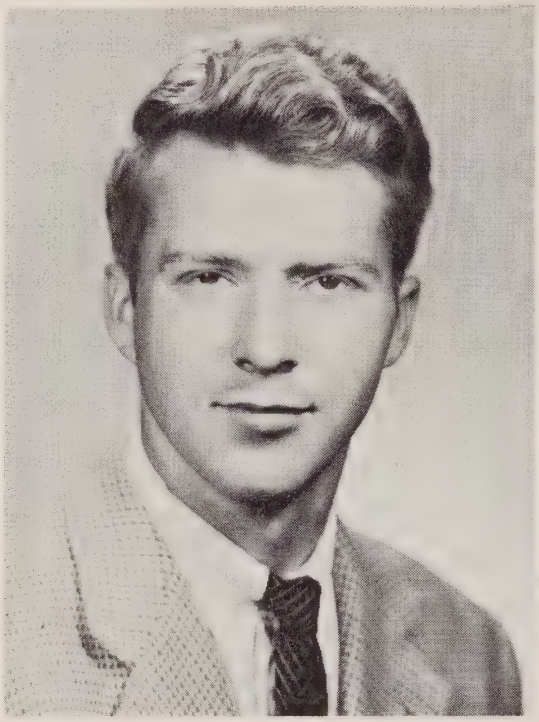


MAX GRANT

"Must I study—What a waste of time."

F.F.A. 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3.

KATRINA LIVENGOOD

"She fills life with fruitful blessings for her friends."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Glee Club 2; 4-H Club 1.

REBA MOORE

"To know her brings sunshine."

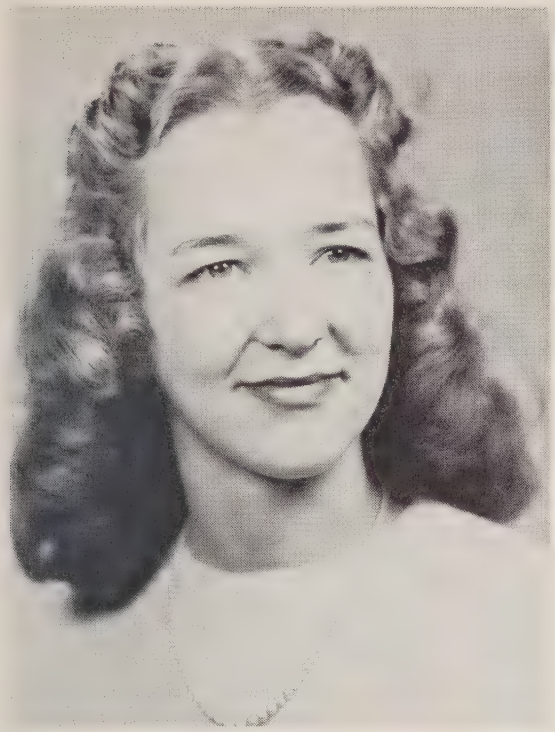
F.H.A. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 2.

RENA MOORE

"Talkative Rena — I could talk forever."

H. R. Vice-President 3; H. R. Secretary 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 2, Treasurer 3, Song Leader 4; State F.H.A. Rally Representative 2; Journalism Club 3, 4; Leaf Gossip Writer 3, Circulation Manager 4; Acorn Circulation Manager 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Magazine Drive Captain 3; Cheerleader 2; 4-H Club 1; Marshal 3.

SENIORS



JANE MORGAN

"Her equal has yet to be discovered."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, Historian 3, Vice-President 4; State F.H.A. Rally Representative 2; Beta Club 3, 4, Reporter 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; H. R. Vice-President 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Captain 3; Leaf Business Manager 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; High School Queen 1, 3; Acorn Business Manager 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, President 1, Secretary 2; Girl Scout 1; Marshal 3.

BETTY ANN OVERMAN

"A good laugh is better than medicine."

H. R. President 1; H. R. Reporter 3; Leaf Gossip Writer 4; Leaf Circulation Manager 3; Journalism Club 3, 4; Acorn Assistant Editor 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Beta Club 3, 4, State Representative 3, Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; W.C.T.U. Speech Contest 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Chief Marshal 3.

BETTY PINKSTON

"A ray of sunshine for everyone."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

JOE ROBBINS

"My kingdom for a basketball and two points."

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Bus Driver 4.

SENIORS

MAROLINE SEAMON BENSON

"My tongue within my lips I rein
For he who talks much talks in vain."

F.H.A. 3, 4, Historian 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Leaf Artist 3, 4; Acorn Artist 4; H. R. Secretary 3; H. R. Reporter 4; Marshal 3.

HELEN WETMORE

"We know nothing of tomorrow, our business is to be good and happy today."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; H. R. President 3; Magazine Drive Captain 3; Acorn Business Manager 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Girl Scout 1; W.C.T.U. Speech Contest 1.

MARY ANN WETMORE

"A lovely personality with smiles everywhere."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Parliamentarian 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Leaf Girls' Sports Editor 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, Songleader 1, 2; Girl Scout 1; Junior Play 2.

NORMA RUTH WETMORE

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a jolly good gal, in every way."

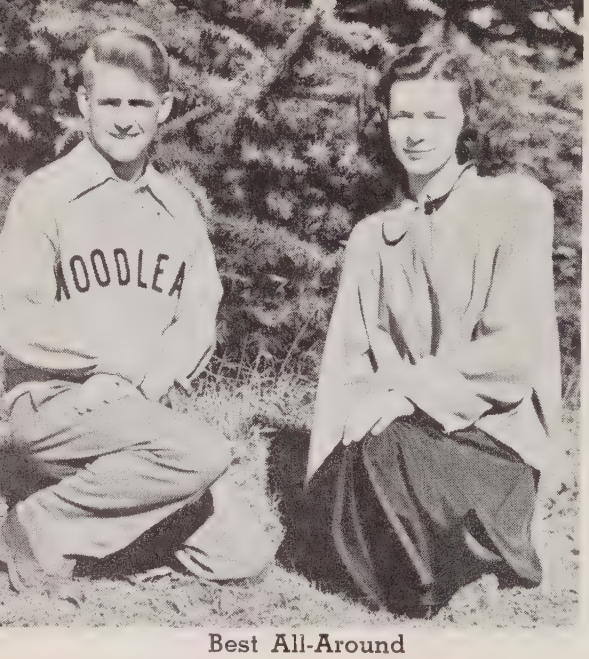
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, pianist 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Girl Scout 1; 4-H Club 1, 2.

History Of The Famous Class Of 1950

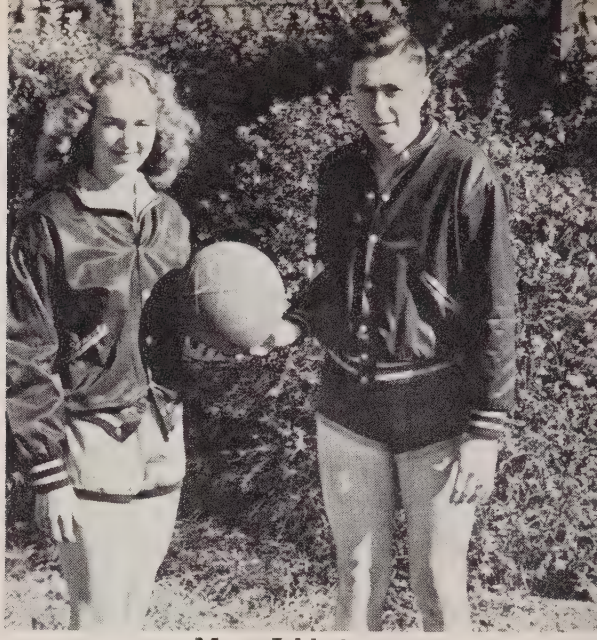
September '46! At last we were Freshmen. For eight years we had hoped and longed to be a part of the high school student body and now we found ourselves a slightly shy and timid, yet eager group of boys and girls entering the door of Woodleaf High School with Mr. Paul Donnelly as our advisor. We worked hard that year and in due time were awarded promotions to the tenth grade, with Mrs. Geneva Harrill as our advisor. The year sped by, crowded with work and pleasure and almost before we knew it we were a group of twenty-one "Jolly Juniors", with Miss Current as our sponsor. Our first big task was our Magazine Drive, and what a time we had achieving our one hundred fifty dollar goal! The highlight of this year was the Junior-Senior Banquet. Finally came the day of days for which we had striven four long, long years—the day on which we were officially called Seniors, wise, experienced dignified Seniors! Some of the outstanding events of this year were: The Halloween Carnival, Senior Play, Junior-Senior Banquet, receiving our Class rings, and publishing our annual. Mrs. Chambers was our advisor, and our class officers were: President, Willie Perrell; Vice-President, Billy Steele; Secretary, Joyce Williams; Treasurer, Johnsie Pinkston. Our mascots were Kay Thomason and Nelson Livengood.

And now that we are about to close the door upon which we knocked as Freshmen, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to our teachers, principal, fellow-students, and most of all to our parents who have made possible these twelve pleasant years. Now we say farewell with the hope that we may always remember and always practice our Motto, "Quitters Never Win; Winners Never Quit."

JOHNSIE PINKSTON, Historian



Best All-Around
WILLIE PERRELL
MAROLINE SEAMON



Most Athletic
JANE MORGAN
JOE ROBBINS

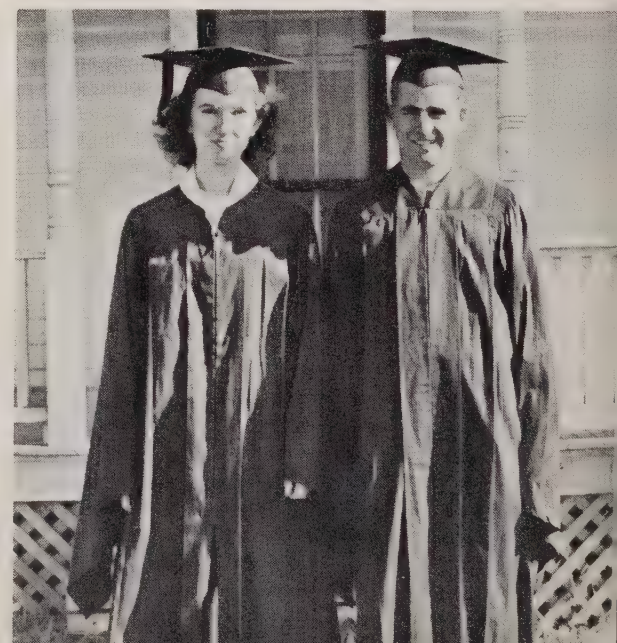
SEN SUPER

Most Mischievous
MARY ANN WETMORE
AARON GODBEY

Friendliest
JOHNSIE PINKSTON
AARON GODBEY

Most Courteous
JANE MORGAN AARON GODBEY

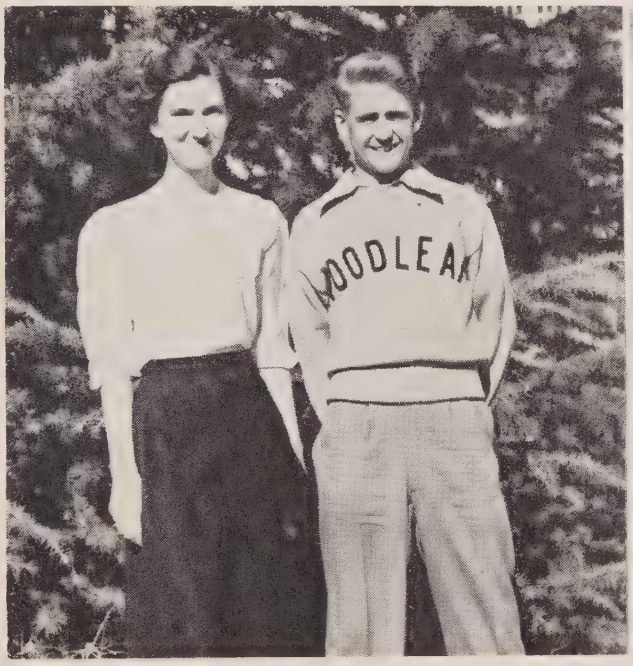
Most Intelligent
JOYCE WILLIAMS WILLIE PERRELL



Best Dressed
HELEN WETMORE
BILLY STEELE

Cutest
RENA MOORE
BILLY STEELE

IOR LATIVES



Most Dependable
JOYCE WILLIAMS
WILLIE PERRELL

Most Bashful
MAROLINE SEAMON
JOE ROBBINS

Most Likely To Succeed
WILLIE PERRELL LYDIA ANN BAILEY

Biggest Flirt
REBA MOORE RICHARD CURRENT

Statistics

After all work in collecting facts and figures for the greatest class ever assembled here at Woodleaf was completed, I uncovered the following facts concerning the great Class of '50.

The average height of this group of dignified seniors is five feet, six inches—the boys' height being five feet, ten inches and the girls' five feet, four inches.

Statistics show that the average weight of the boys is 155 pounds and the girls 118 pounds. Shoes range from 6 to 11.

Blue and brown eyes prevail with a tie of 30% each. Others are green 15%, hazel 15%, and grey 10%.

The heads of 55% of this class are topped with brown hair, the rest with a variety of red, black, and blond.

As for the political line, I find that Democrats have a 65% majority.

The Senior Class is made up of various religious denominations, the largest per cent being Presbyterian.

The above facts and figures concerning the Class of '50 are true to the best of my knowledge, and I, the Statistician of this the best Senior Class yet, do solemnly affix my signature.

WILLIE PERRELL, Statistician

Class Poem

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
    When the road we're trudging seems all up hill,
When care is pressing us down a bit,
    We may rest, if we must, but we dare not quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
    As everyone of us sometimes learns,
Let's not give up, though the pace seems slow,
    We might succeed with another blow.

Often, as strugglers, we have given up,
    When we might have captured the victor's cup,
But we learned too late, when the night slipped down,
    How close we were to the golden crown.

We never can tell how close we are,
    Our goal may be near when it seems afar,
Let's stick to the fight when we're hardest hit,
    It's when things go wrong that we musn't quit.

BETTY ANN OVERMAN, Poet

From Alpha . . .

SEE AD SECTION

To Omega . . .

Prophecy

In the winter of 1958, getting into my easy chair, I decided to relax by turning on the radio.

The music was soft and sweet and I must have gone to sleep, and in my dreams I heard the announcer say something about the Class of '50 of Woodleaf High School.

Imagine my surprise when I heard him announce Aaron Godbey had just returned from his trip around the world in thirty minutes in his jet propelled plane, designed and constructed by Aaron, himself.

As my vision moved to La Guardia Field, New York City, I saw Jane Morgan, now an airline stewardess for the Pan-American Airways, boarding a plane for Puerto Rico.

The next scene changed, and I was at a John Powers Fashion Show in the heart of New York, and whom should I find modeling wedding gowns; none other than my old classmate, Helen Wetmore.

Lo, as I turned away from this scene, I beheld a very familiar young man standing on a baseball diamond, and I recognized Joe Robbins playing ball for the New York Yankees.

Another scene appeared and lo, I was in an art gallery—There before my eyes was a huge picture, and below it was printed, By Maroline Benson, known the world over for her artistic ability.

Joyce Grant reports for the Chicago Tribune, a writer of whom we can boast. She got her training working on the "Leaf."

In the Commercial World I saw Lydia Ann Bailey and Mildred Gentle, both famous typists and secretaries.

I looked again and what could I see on one of the office doors in Raleigh but, Bill Steele, Lawyer," and who was that cute secretary taking dictation? Why it's my old classmate, Betty Ann Overman.

The scene changed and I saw Willie Perrell settled down on a large farm, raising children and potatoes.

My vision was soon carried to dear old Woodleaf High School, and there I saw Johnsie Pinkston teaching the first grade their ABC's. Then in another class I saw Richard Current, a well noted French teacher, and then in the principal's office I saw that Max Grant had won this honorable position.

Reba Moore, who has just completed her nurse training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, is now a nurse at a Naval Hospital in San Francisco.

Still in San Francisco, my vision was carried to a little orange grove, and there I saw Katrina Livengood keeping house for her adorable little family.

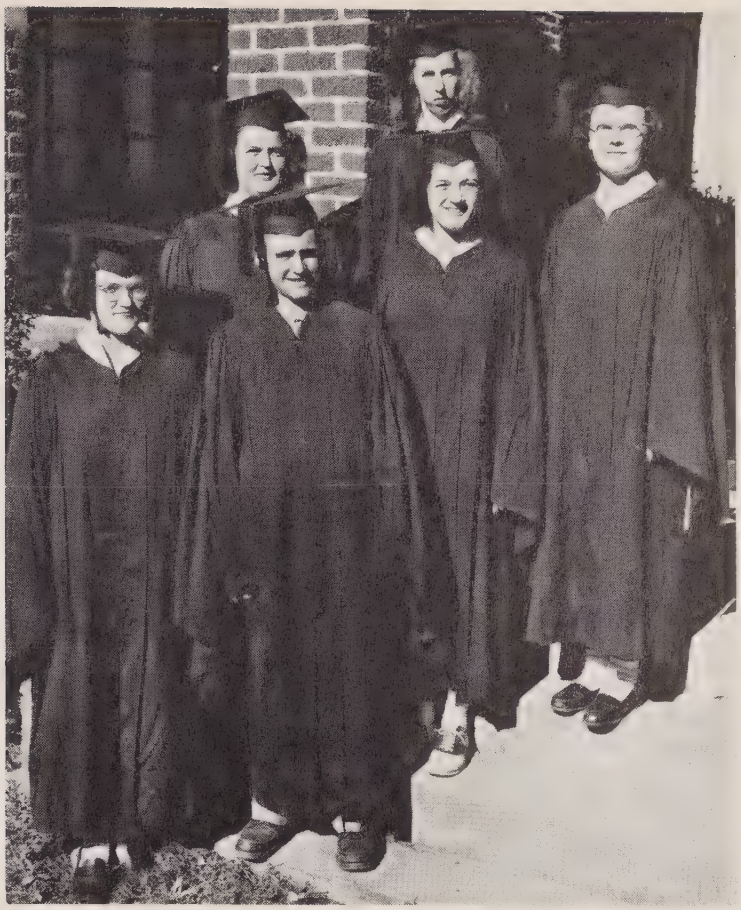
My vision changes and I find that Mary Ann Wetmore is doing great work as a missionary in China.

There is another scene before my eyes and I see Norma Ruth Wetmore, who has just graduated from Eastern Carolina Teachers' College, teaching the fourth grade in the city schools of Raleigh.

The next scene appeared and I saw Betty Pinkston happily married, living in Franklin and assistant manager at W. F. Woolworth's.

The last of my classmates were accounted for, as I heard someone calling "Rena, Rena," arousing me from my sleep to go to my own work as a vocal soloist on the Bing Crosby Show.

RENA MOORE, Prophetess



Class Night Officers

RENA MOORE, Prophetess
WILLIE PERRELL, Statistician
MARY ANN WETMORE, Giftorian
BETTY ANN OVERMAN, Poet
NORMA RUTH WETMORE, Testator
JOHNSIE PINKSTON, Historian

Mascots

KAY THOMASON
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Watson Thomason

NELSON LIVENGOOD
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Livengood

Last Will And Testament

We, the Senior Class of 1950, being of sound mind and sane judgment, make the following as our Last Will and Testament, which we will, bequeath, or get rid of in any matter.

SECTION I

ARTICLE 1 To Our Parents, we extend our sincere appreciation for their sympathy and kindness shown us during our struggle through twelve years of school.

ARTICLE 2 To Our Faculty, Principal, and School Board, we extend our heartfelt thanks for all their efforts.

ARTICLE 3 To The Junior Class, we leave our senior dignity, our place in assembly, our room, and our teachers.

SECTION II

I, Jane Morgan, do will my faithful basketball suit "No. 7" to Betty Jane Pope.

I, Max Grant, do will my red hair and freckles to Douglas Burgess, with the admonition that he produce something unusual.

I, Johnsie Pinkston, do leave my friendly ways to H. T. Hall.

I, Katrina Livengood, do bequeath my ability to keep my engagement ring and yet finish school to Jo Ann Stamper.

I, Maroline Seamon, do leave my bashfulness to Delores Lyerly.

I, Aaron Godbey, do bequeath my ability to draw airplanes during class (and yet get by with it) to Gilbert Archie.

I, Helen Wetmore, do will my neatness to Ann Fisher, not that she needs any.

I, Lydia Ann Bailey, do leave my quietness to Nancy Lyerly and Lois Swicegood.

I, Joyce Williams, do bequeath my post as Editor of the "Acorn" and the "Leaf" to Peggy McDaniel and Martha Lou Parker.

I, Mildred Gentle, do will my bus "No. 29" to anyone brave enough to take it.

I, Reba Moore, do leave my unusual manner of laughing to Lois Goodman.

I, Betty Ann Overman, do leave my skill of making A's to Ray Doss.

I, Richard Current, do bequeath my ability to pester the teachers to Charles Kluttz.

I, Billy Steele, do will my ability to attract girls to Bobby Godbey and Dan Adams.

I, Joe Robbins, do will my athletic ability to Priscilla McDaniel.

I, Willie Perrell, do will my dependability to Gerald Steele.

I, Rena Moore, do will my love for "Mint Patties" to anyone crazy enough to take it.

I, Mary Ann Wetmore, do bequeath my many shrill giggles and wisecracks to Betty Ratledge.

I, Betty Pinkston, do leave my flirtatious ways to Barbara Swaim and Ann Adams.

I, Norma Ruth Wetmore, do will my dimples to James Foster and Clyde Lippard.

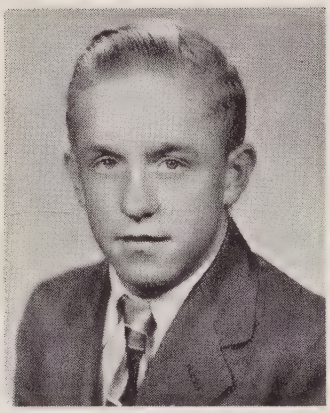
We, the Senior Class, do set our seal to the above this nineteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty.

WITNESSES Mrs. Dave Chambers
Miss Jeanette Current

NORMA RUTH WETMORE, Lawyer

JUNIORS

PRESIDENT
Peggy McDaniel

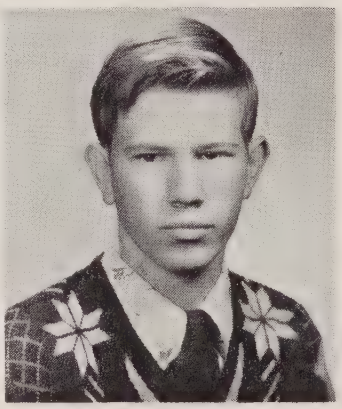


VICE-PRESIDENT
Dan Adams

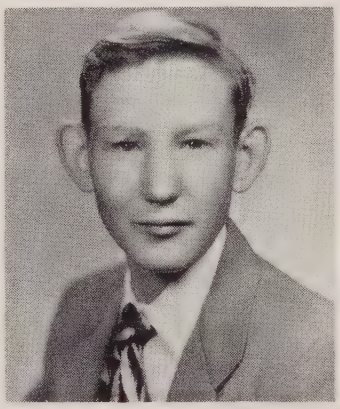
SECRETARY
Frances Foster

TREASURER
Nancy Lyerly

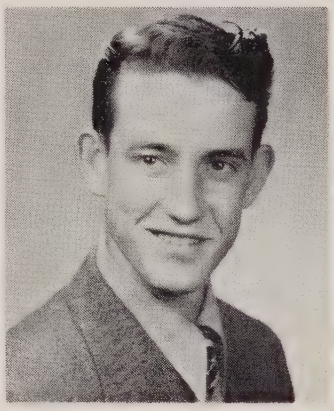
Ann Adams



Gilbert Archie



Douglas Burgess



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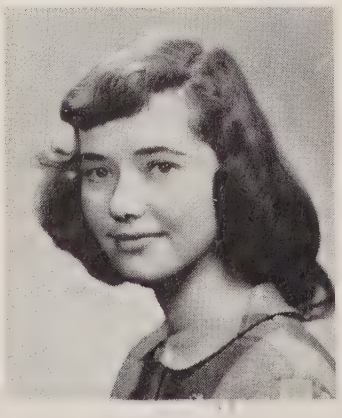

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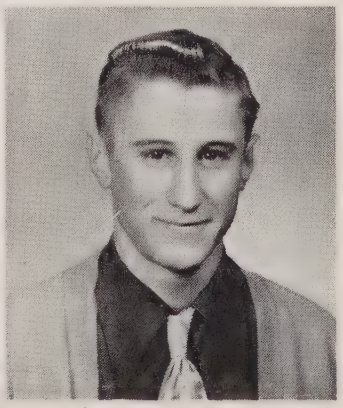

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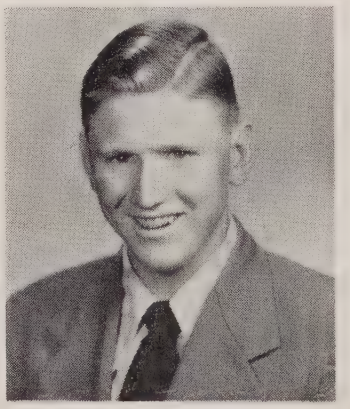

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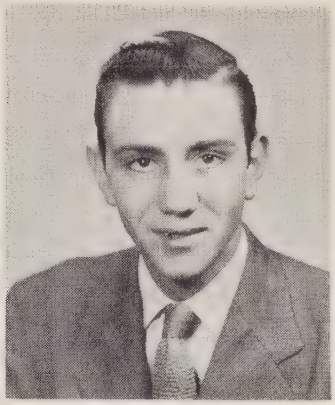
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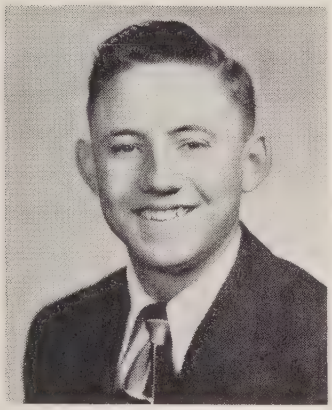
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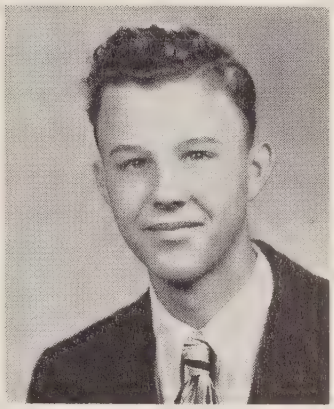
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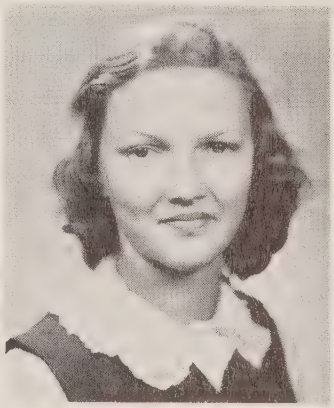
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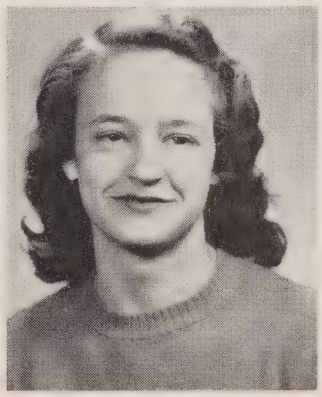
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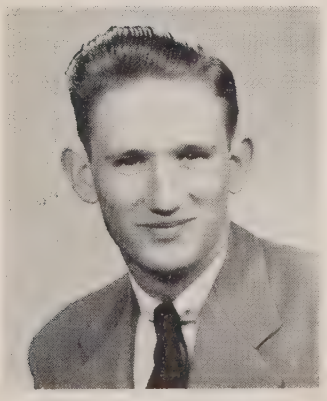
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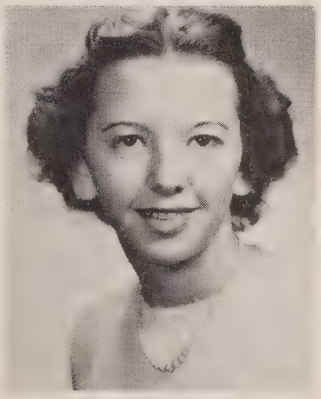
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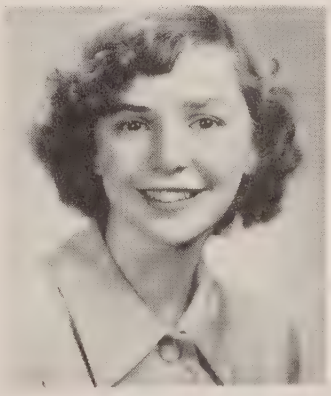
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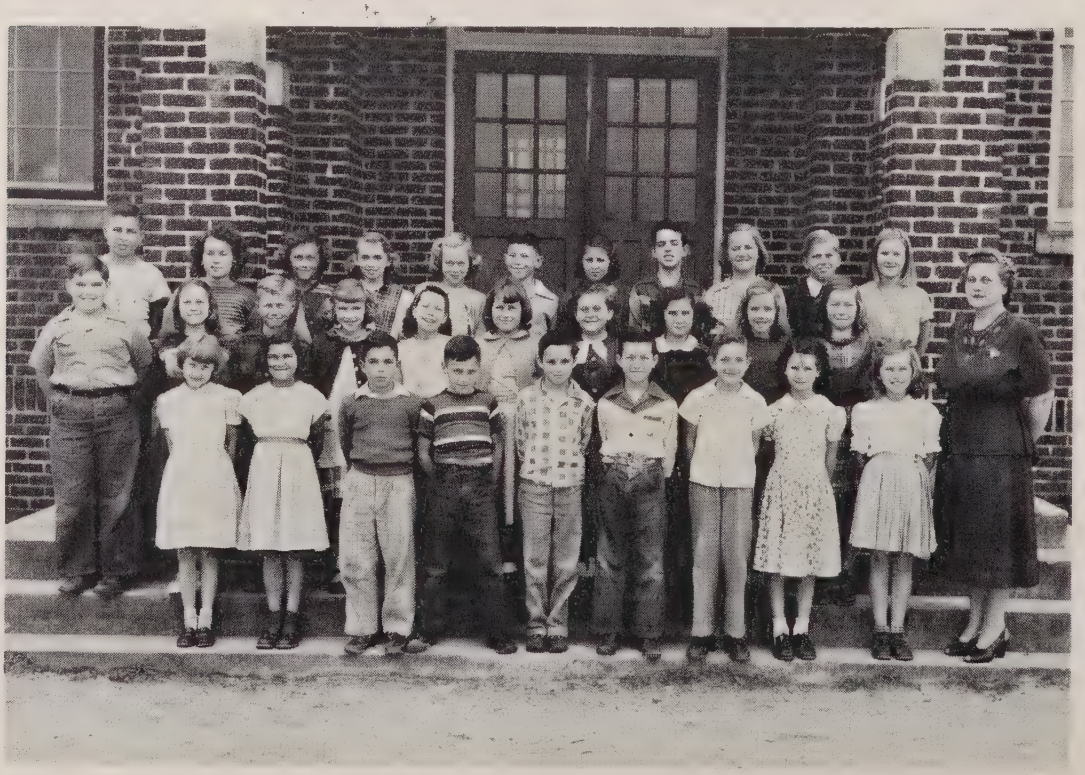

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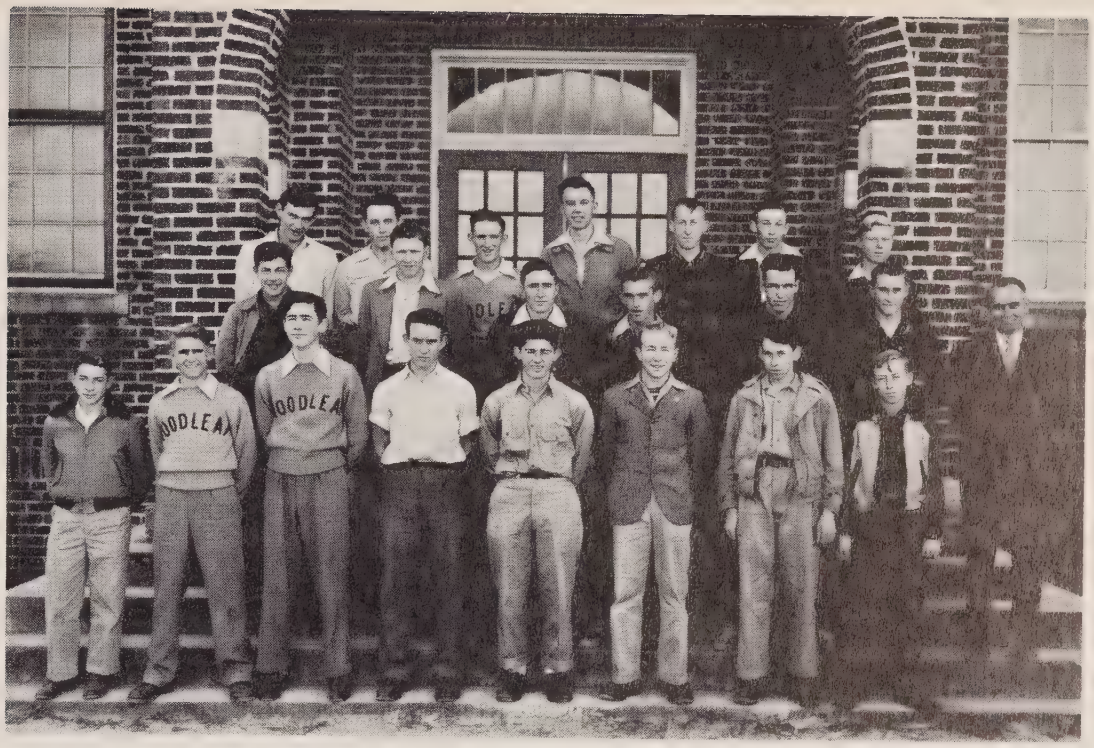

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